

# SOCIAL CONDITIONS

## *Facts*

- The Valley has been growing rapidly since the 1950s
- This region has grown from small agricultural towns to a major metropolitan area
- Rapid growth is expected well into the future

## *Observations*

- Growth is already altering the social conditions in the Study Area
- The proposed South Mountain Freeway could alter social conditions important to communities' residents
- Determining impacts in a rapidly growing area can be difficult
- Individuals' opinions, preferences, and behaviors play a role
- Community sense of place (architecture, events, uniqueness) is also considered

## *Existing areas with defined character and cohesion*

Tolleson  
Laveen  
Santa Maria  
Dusty Lane area  
Ahwatukee  
St. Johns/Komatke  
Estrella Village

